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Washington, DC  
Newseum 7<sup>th</sup> Floor Knight Conference Center

**DRAFT AGENDA**

- 8:30 – 9:00 am **Breakfast and Registration**
- 9:00 – 9:15 am **Welcome and Introductions**
- 9:15 – 10:30 am **Session 1: Overview - Current Issues and Looking Ahead to 2021**  
The 2018 elections are the first federal general elections since the most recent Section 203 determinations. This opening session will help set the stage for the day's discussion, focusing on best practices, and practical tools for serving language minority voters for implementing Section 203 and beyond. Panelists will discuss demographic shifts and their impact for serving language needs across the nation, as well as current issues faced by covered jurisdictions and those who are close to coverage.
- 10:30 – 10:45 am **Remarks from the Department of Justice**
- 10:45 – 11:30 am **Summit Chat: Community Outreach in Alaska**
- 11:30 – 12:45 pm **Session 2: Cost-Effective Practices for Providing Language Assistance**  
Effectively providing language assistance requires an investment in resources and time. Additionally, jurisdictions must be fiscally responsible and efficient with their spending. Small and medium-sized jurisdictions with limited resources, as well as jurisdictions covered for multiple languages, face particular challenges in this regard. This session will focus on cost-effective ways to provide language assistance, from small to big ideas.
- 12:45 – 1:45 pm **Luncheon**
- 1:45 – 2:00 pm **Summit Talk**

2:00 – 3:30pm

### **Session 3: Above and Beyond Section 203: Voluntary Assistance and Other Proactive Measures**

Section 203 has fostered language assistance for many language minority voters over the last 40 plus years. However, as effective as it has been, Section 203 is limited to specific jurisdictions that meet the thresholds. Election stakeholders have used multiple tools to go beyond Section 203 in serving their language minority voters, including voluntary language assistance to meet a community need, effective implementation of Section 208, utilization of Section 4(e) for Puerto Rican voters, and enacting state laws to expand the franchise for language minority voters. This session will explore these and other efforts to ensure that all language minority voters are able to access needed assistance and cast a meaningful vote.

3:30 – 3:45 pm

### **Afternoon Break**

3:45 – 5:00 pm

### **Session 4: Trends in Election Administration and their Impact on Language Access**

The field of election administration is constantly changing. Recent shifts include growing alternatives to traditional precinct-based voting (e.g. vote-by-mail, early voting, vote centers) and increased focus on election technology and the auditability of voting systems. This session will look at these trends and others through the lens of language access and explore how to anticipate and meet the needs of language minority voters when considering changes to election policy or practice.

Our last summit session aims to take the discussion beyond the importance of Section 203 compliance towards expanded approaches to language assistance.

5:00 – 5:15 pm

### **Closing and Next Steps**

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